

January 6, 1998

FACT SHEET

Notice of Public hearing - Proposed Finding of Significant Contribution and Proposed Rulemaking for Certain States in the Ozone Transport Assessment Group Region for Purposes of Reducing Regional Transport of Ozone

Today's Action

- EPA is announcing the public hearing on the Agency's October 10, 1997, proposed rule (62 FR 60317, November 7, 1997) to reduce the transport of nitrogen oxide (NO_x) emissions in 22 States and the District of Columbia.
- Last October, EPA proposed to find that the transport of ozone from the 23 jurisdictions significantly contributes to nonattainment of the ozone national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS), or interferes with maintenance of the NAAQS, in downwind States.
- EPA's proposed level of statewide NO_x emissions for the 23 jurisdictions that will reduce the transport of this chemical, a precursor to the formulation of ozone (smog).
- Information and comments gathered from this 2-day public hearing will be considered in the final EPA decision-making process. An official record of the proceedings will be maintained.
- The public hearing on the proposed rule will be held on February 3-4, 1998, beginning at 9:00 a.m. each day, at the Washington Plaza hotel, 10 Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, D.C. (McPherson Square Metro stop).

Supplementary Information

- Persons desiring to present oral testimony at the hearing should notify JoAnn Allman, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Air Quality Strategies and Standards, Division, MD-15, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-1815 no later than January 27, 1998. Oral testimony will be limited to 5 minutes each. Any member of the public may supplement their testimony by filing a written statement (duplicate copies preferred) before, during, or within 30 days after the hearing by submitting it to the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (Air Docket 6102, Attention: Docket No. A-96-56, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, room M-1500, Washington, D.C. 20460, telephone (202) 260-7548, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. A hearing schedule including a list of speakers will be posted on EPA's OTAG webpage <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg/otagsip.html> prior to the hearing.
- Documents relevant to the public hearing are available for inspection/copying at the EPA docket office (address listed above). A verbatim transcript of the hearing and the written statements will also be made available for copying during normal working hours at the docket office. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying.

For Further Information

- General questions concerning today's announcement should be addressed to Kimber Smith Scavo, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Air Quality Strategies and Standards Division, MD-15, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-3354.